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### POSTAL SERVICE BUDGET HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Rep. James M. Hanley (D-N.Y.), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Postal Operations and Service, announced today that hearings would begin on the Postal Service's annual budget on March 15, 1977. The first hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 311, Cannon House Office Building.

Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar is scheduled to testify for the Postal Service.

The hearings are being held as a result of the passage of Hanley-sponsored legislation last year. Public Law 94-421, among other things, required the Postal Service to submit to Congress the budget material it gives to the Office of Management and Budget in connection with the President's budget making process. Also required is a comprehensive statement of the Postal Service's compliance with the policies stated in the Postal Reorganization Act.

Oversight hearings are required to be held yearly on or before March 15.

"Our ability to review the Postal Service's budget is an important part of our oversight functions," Hanley said. "The material developed will be very helpful to us in trying to pinpoint the source of Postal problems."

Hanley said that further hearing dates would be scheduled, if necessary.

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